

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently amended) A support base for a bed mattress according to claim ~~26~~ 1 with wherein the adjustable support means is able to selectively adjust a portion less than a quarter of the mattress.
3. (Currently amended) A support base for a bed mattress according to claim ~~26~~ 1 with wherein the adjustable support means is being positioned ~~so as~~ to adjust an end portion of the mattress to provide a headrest or footrest for ~~the a~~ user of the bed.
4. (Currently amended) A support base for a bed mattress according to claim ~~26~~ 1 with wherein the adjustable support means being is positioned ~~so as~~ to adjust a an middle portion of the mattress to provide a lower lumbar support or knee support for ~~the a~~ user of the bed.
- 5-25. (Cancelled).
26. (Currently amended) A support base for a bed mattress comprising:
according to claim 25 further including
at least two planar portions with at least one rotatable planar portion able to rotate relative to an adjacent planar portion with a planar flexible continuous mattress able to extend over both the rotatable planar portion and the adjacent planar portion;

an adjustable support means at least partially mounted on the rotatable planar portion and selectively able to adjust a portion of the mattress resting on the rotatable planar portion out of a plane of extension of the adjacent remainder of the mattress wherein the support base allows for adjustment from a continuous linear formation to a backrest formation with the adjustable support means providing localized support; and

a differential displacement member connected to the at least one rotatable planar portion, said differential displacement member engaging said adjustable support means so as to displace the adjustable support means towards ~~the~~ a portion of the mattress resting on the rotatable planar portion such that rotation of the at least one planar portion relative to said another causes adjustment of said portion of the mattress out of the plane of extension of the adjacent remainder of the mattress.

27-28. (Cancelled).

29. (Original) A support base for a bed mattress according to claim 26 including a housing having a plurality of transverse slats for supporting said mattress wherein one or more of said slats are individually adjustable relative to said housing to provide calibrated positive or negative height adjustment for each slat, characterized in that said height adjustment is provided by a means which is operable external to said housing.

30. (Currently amended) A support base according to claim 29 wherein ~~said height adjustment~~ said means for providing said height adjustment are cams fitted to said housing for rotational movement and cooperation with said slats to impart a vertical height adjustment to said slats.

31. (Original) A support base according to claim 30 wherein said cams are operated in pairs with one cam positioned at or near each end of said slats and wherein said cam pairs are operated simultaneously.

32. (Previously presented) A support base according to claim 29 wherein said calibration indicates the height of said slats relative to said housing.

33. (Previously presented) A support base according to claim 30 wherein said cam pairs are fitted to a common axle which can be accessed from outside said housing.

34. (Previously presented) A support base according to claim 30 wherein said cams extend the length of each individual slat.

35-42. (Cancelled).

43. (New) A support base according to claim 26 wherein the adjustable support means and the differential displacement member are a C-shaped cam.